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WORKING GROUP (EWG) DISCUSSION OF ANNEX B, REINFORCEMENT

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SUMMARY. THE DISCUSSION ON ANNEX B FOCUSED ON SEPARATING
ISSUES FOR HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AND DEFENSE
MINISTERS, WITH CONSIDERABLE DIALOGUE TO DETERMINE THE
DEGREE OF EMPHASIS THE COMMITTEE WOULD ACCEPT IN DRAFTING
MATTERS OF CONCERN TO HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT. AS IN
PREVIOUS MEETINGS, THE BOTTOM LINE REMAINED COST. END
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1. THE IS WILL REDRAFT PARA 1 SO THAT A RECOMMENDATION BY
THE TURKISH REP (OZCERI) AND SACLANT REP (JUNGIUS) CON-
TAINING THE PHRASE "OF THE ACE AREA AND SACLANT" AFTER THE
WORDS RAPID REINFORCEMENT CAN BE INCLUDED.

2. PARAS 2 THROUGH 4, NO CHANGE.

3. PARA 5 WILL BE HEADED BY "FIRST PROGRAMME" TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE TWO SECTIONS. THERE WERE NO OTHER CHANGES TO PARA 5.

4. THE EWG AGREED TO CHANGE PARA 6(A) TO REFLECT THE US PROPOSAL WITH SUBSEQUENT INCLUDED RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FLOOR: "THE MAIN BURDEN WILL FALL ON THE UNITED STATES BUT COMPLETION WILL ALSO DEPEND UPON APPROPRIATE NATO INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING AND APPROPRIATE HOST COUNTRY SUPPORT (BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, THE NETHERLANDS AND GERMANY)."

5. US REP (LEGERE) PROPOSED THE US SUBSTITUTE FOR PARA 6(B). UK REP (PETERS) DISAGREED WITH THE US WORDING, STATING THAT THE WORDING OF PARA 6(B) GOES BEYOND PREVIOUS AGREEMENT. HE SAID THAT ONLY STUDY WAS AGREED AND THEN PROPOSED THAT THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 6(B) BE AMENDED TO READ "OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES SHOULD SEEK TO PROVIDE THE BALANCE OF 23 MODIFIED AIRCRAFT BY 1990, THE COST BEING BORNE BY INTERNATIONAL FUNDING." NL REP (WYNAENDTS) DISAGREED WITH THE WORDS "ADDITIONAL OR MODIFIED AIRCRAFT" IN THE US PROPOSAL, STATING THAT THE REPORT SHOULD ADDRESS NEW, NOT MODIFIED, AIRCRAFT. THE US REP DISCUSSED THE US WORDING WITH THE COMMITTEE AND THE UK REP AGREED TO AN IS REDRAFT OF PARA 6(B) THAT WOULD ADOPT THE MAIN POINTS OF BOTH THE US AND UK POSITIONS.

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6. PARA 6(C) NO CHANGE.

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7. PARA 6(D). SACLANT REP RECOMMENDED CHANGING THE WORD "DEDICATION" TO "EVENTUAL REPLACEMENT". THE UK REP OBJECTED, SAYING IT IMPLIED AN EXPENSIVE, POSITIVE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.

8. PARA 7 DELETED. THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT COST RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE MISLEADING.

9. PARA 8. CHAIRMAN (D/SYG PETRIGNANI) MADE A STRONG PLEA, WHICH THE EWG ACCEPTED, THAT PARA 8(D)(I), PREPOSITIONING OF THE THREE US DIVISIONS, BE A RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION BY HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENTS. HE SAID THAT OF ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE REPORT ON REINFORCEMENT, THIS ONE IS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE POLITICALLY AS IT TOUCHES ON THE PRINCIPLE OF US FORCES IN EUROPE AND SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF AUTHORITY ALONG WITH 8(A), (B), (C) AND (D). THE US REP PROPOSED MODIFYING 8(C)(II) TO READ "THE DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS FOR THE RECEPTION AND ONWARD ROUTING OF REINFORCEMENTS INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE RECEPTION

FACILITIES". THE EWG ACCEPTED THE CHANGE WITHOUT COMMENT. UK REP COMMENTED ON PARA 8(D), RECOMMENDING THE INCLUSION OF "SEEK TO PROVIDE" VICE "APPROVE THE PROGRAMME". HOWEVER, HE LATER AGREED WITH THE US REP TO ACCEPT A REDRAFT BY THE IS TO REFLECT MORE MODERATE WORDING THAT INDICATED AN AGREEMENT TO STUDY THE PROBLEM. THE FRG REP (VON SANDRART), SUPPORTED BY THE UK, STATED THAT HIGH COSTS WERE INVOLVED THAT CANNOT BE CALCULATED AT THE MOMENT AND WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTED APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE.

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10. PARA 9. THE EWG ADDED THIS PARA NUMBER TO THE TOP OF PAGE 6 TO SEPARATE THOSE ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AND DEFENSE MINISTERS. ((I) THE PARA DISCUSSING PREPOSITIONING OF THREE US DIVISIONS WILL BECOME PART OF PARA 8.) THE US REP, SUPPORTING THE REMARKS OF THE CHAIRMAN IN REGARD TO THE IMPORTANCE OF PREPOSITIONING, PROPOSED, WITH MIXED REACTIONS, CHANGING THE WORDING IN PARA (I), (II) AND (III) ON PAGE 6 TO READ "SHOULD" VICE "WILL". THE NL REP, SUPPORTED BY THE UK AND FRG REPS, WAS ADAMANT, SAYING IT WAS A PLAY ON WORDS. HE LATER MODIFIED HIS STRONG POSITION AGAINST CHANGING THE WORDING AS PROPOSED BY THE US REP AND STATED HE WAS AGREEABLE TO MORE POLITE LANGUAGE SUCH AS, "INVITE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT". THE FRG REP SAID

HE WAS AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUE AND DID NOT BELIEVE IT WAS NECESSARY TO SAY "SHOULD", RECOMMENDING IN ITS PLACE "THE US IS READY AND INVITES OTHERS". THE UK REP SUPPORTED THE FRG POINT, STRESSING THE NEED FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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INVITING OTHERS AND EMPHASIZING USE OF POLITE LANGUAGE. THE US REP CONCEDED TO THE MAJORITY AND AFFORDED AS A SUBSTITUTE, "WELCOME THE OFFER AND INVITE OTHERS". THE CHAIRMAN NOTED PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT AND REFERRED THE ITEM TO THE IS FOR REDRAFTING.GLITMAN

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